

## Langrock Sperry & Wool: Representative Environmental Cases

***Ouellette v. International Paper Co.*** Represented over three hundred property owners in three towns along Vermont's Lake Champlain shoreline, in a federal court class action against International Paper Co. Property owners' air and lakefront water was polluted by IPC's pulp and paper factory discharges, adversely affecting their property values and their ability to use and enjoy their properties. Settled in 1989, for \$5 million, after two trips to the U.S. Supreme Court which established important legal precedents.

***Allen v. Unifirst.*** Represented twenty-six property owners in Williamstown, Vermont, in a state court lawsuit against Unifirst Corp., one of the nation's largest industrial dry cleaners. Unifirst's misuse and disposal of toxic volatile organic chemicals polluted the town's groundwater, schools, public water and sewer systems, which adversely affected owners' use and enjoyment, and value, of their properties. Settled for confidential amount after trial and an appeal to Vermont Supreme Court, which established important legal precedents.

***Lewis v. General Electric Co.*** Represented approximately fifty property owners in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in federal lawsuit against General Electric Co., for contaminating their properties with PCB-laden soil during the 1930's - 1960's, and then failing to disclose the contamination for decades. Case settled for confidential amount in 2003.

***Aiken v. General Electric Co.*** Represented more than forty property owners and two commercial properties in Fort Edward, NY, in a suit against GE. In this case the company's negligent practices contaminated the aquifer under our clients' properties with volatile organic chemicals, resulting in soil vapor contamination in their homes, lowering their property values and interfering with the use and enjoyment of their properties. Case settled for confidential amount in 2013.

Langrock Sperry has represented numerous additional individuals and groups of property owners, against gas stations, landfills, and other corporate neighbors, whose disposal practices resulted in air and/or water pollution which adversely affected our clients' properties, resulting in settlements for property diminution and related damages. For further information please visit: [www.langrock.com](http://www.langrock.com)

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## Davis & Whitlock: Representative Cases

***ExxonMobil Pegasus Pipeline Oil Spill.*** Davis & Whitlock recently resolved a case on behalf of over three hundred property owners whose properties were contaminated and whose lives were disrupted from a 500,000 gallon spill of tar sands crude oil from the Exxon Pegasus pipeline in Mayflower, Arkansas. The settlement is confidential.

***Deepwater Horizon, BP Oil Spill.*** Davis & Whitlock, with two Alabama law firms, has represented hundreds of clients in seeking compensation for economic and property damages due to the BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico. They have recovered in excess of \$40 million for their clients, including a \$ 2.7 million settlement for the City of Key West and a \$2 million settlement for Keys Energy Services, the electric utility for the Lower Keys. The firm continues to represent hundreds of businesses pursuant to the global settlement.

***TVA Coal Ash Disaster.*** Davis & Whitlock and other law firms achieved a \$27.8 million dollar settlement on behalf of over 800 property owners who suffered damages from a huge spill of toxin-laden coal ash in Tennessee that drew national attention to the proper storage and disposal of toxic coal ash at coal-fired power plants. This landmark settlement resulted from over five years of intensive litigation against the Tennessee Valley Authority.

***PFOA Contamination,*** Decatur, Alabama. Davis & Whitlock and local counsel brought a class action suit against 3M and other polluters for their contamination of the water supply of the West Morgan/East Lawrence Water Authority and its 25,000 customers. Despite decades of knowledge of the risks and toxicity of PFOA, PFOS, and related chemicals, 3M and the other defendants knowingly discharged these chemicals into the Tennessee River and dumped these wastes on their land, resulting in groundwater contamination and further contamination of the River. Settlement of this action resulted in 3M funding the construction and installation of a state-of-the art reverse osmosis water filtration system at the Authority's water treatment plant, which will allow the Authority to supply some of the cleanest water in the country to its customers.

***CSX Train Derailment,*** Maryville, Tennessee. Davis & Whitlock and local counsel have filed a class action suit on behalf of people who were exposed to toxic chemicals and evacuated during the CSX train derailment on July 2-3, 2015, that led to a tanker car of acrylonitrile catching fire. The firm also represents first responders and other individuals who suffered injuries from exposure to the toxic smoke, and business that were closed because of the toxic chemical fire. For further information please visit: [www.enviroattorney.com](http://www.enviroattorney.com)